Sl. No.	State	Hospital
13.	Kerala	ESI Hospital, Asramam, Kollam
14.	Maharashtra	ESI Hospital, Chinchwad, Pune
15.	Madhya Pradesh	ESI Hospital, Nagda
16.	Orissa	ESI Hospital, Rourkela
17.	Punjab	ESI Hospital, Ludhiana
18.	Rajasthan	ESI Hospital, Jaipur
19.	Tamil Nadu	ESI Hospital, K.K. Nagar
20-21.	Uttar Pradesh	ESI Hospital, NOIDA
		ESI Hospital, Sahibadab
22.	West Bengal	ESI Hospital, Thakurpukur

Minimum wages for agricultural labourers

*275. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for determination of the existing number of agricultural workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof male, female separately, State-wise;

(c) the rate of minimum wages prescribed for them and the manner in which it is implemented;

(d) whether Government are considering the revision of existing minimum wages for agricultural labourers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The results of the Census and periodic surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) are the main source of data for the number of agricultural workers in the country. According to the Census 2001, the details of number of agricultural workers male, female separately, State-wise is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and State Governments are the appropriate Governments to fix

and revise minimum wages in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions. According to the Act, the appropriate Governments review/revise the minimum wages in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions at an interval not exceeding five years. In certain cases minimum wages include variable dearness allowance (VDA), which is reviewed/revised periodically twice a year effective April and October. The rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers by different Governments both in State and Central spheres are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of agricultural workers in respect male, female separately, State-wise;

(Source: Census 2001)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Number of Agricultural Labourers		
		Male	Female	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6453741	7378411	13832152
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10329	8511	18840
3.	Assam	832508	431024	1263532
4.	Bihar	8730251	4687493	13417744
5.	Chhattisgarh	1262559	1828799	3091358
6.	Goa	15970	19836	35806
7.	Gujarat	2509651	2652007	5161658
8.	Haryana	717133	561688	1278821
9.	Himachal Pradesh	55658	38513	94171
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	190339	56082	246421
11.	Jharkhand	1485322	1365975	2851297
12.	Karnataka	2620927	3606015	6226942
13.	Kerala	1078354	542497	1620851
14.	Madhya Pradesh	3518368	3882302	7400670
15.	Maharashtra	4924034	5891228	10815262

1	2	3	4	5
16.	Manipur	49928	63702	113630
17.	Meghalaya	90888	80806	171694
18.	Mizoram	12775	14008	26783
19.	Nagaland	15985	14922	30907
20.	Orissa	2587196	2411908	4999104
21.	Punjab	1104140	385721	1489861
22.	Rajasthan	1055332	1468387	2523719
23.	Sikkim	8762	8238	17000
24.	Tamil Nadu	4256360	4381270	8637630
25.	Tripura	162640	113492	276132
26.	Uttar Pradesh	8245599	5155312	13400911
27.	Uttaranchal	190494	69189	259683
28.	West Bengal	5080236	2282721	7362957
29.	A & N Islands	4043	1126	5169
30.	Chandigarh	461	102	563
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5429	9286	14715
32.	Daman & Diu	347	976	1323
33.	Delhi	11224	4549	15773
34.	Lakshadweep	00	00	00
35.	Pondicherry	42117	30134	72251
	TOTAL	57329100	49446230	106775330

*Note: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs. of Senapati District in Manipur State as census results were cancelled due to administrative and technical reasons.

Statement-II

Daily rates of minimum wages for agricultural workers fixed by different States/Union Territory Administrations under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948

S.No.	State/Union Territory Administration	Minimum wages for unskilled agricultural workers in rupees	With effect from
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	64.00 to 84.00 (as per Zone)	7.8.2004
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	39.87 (Area-I) 42.11 (Area-II)	22.5.2001
3.	Assam	50.00 with food, shelter and clothing 60.00 without food, shelter and clothing	6.1.2002
4.	Bihar	52.00	25.3.2004
5.	Chhattisgarh	52.87	1.4.2002
6.	Goa*	94.00	27.6.2003
7.	Gujarat	50.00	1.4.2002
8.	Haryana	84.29 with meal 88.29 without meal	1.7.2004
9.	Himachal Pradesh*	65.00	15.8.2003
10.	Jammu & Kashmir*	66.00	June, 2005
11.	Jharkhand	$	
12.	Karnataka	56.48	1.4.2004
13.	Kerala*	72.00 for light work 125.00 for har work	26.5.2003
14.	Madhya Pradesh	56.96	1.10.2004

1	2	3	4
15.	Maharashtra	Zone-I 51.00 Zone-II 49.00 Zone-III 47.00 Zone-IV 45.00	26.3.2001
16.	Manipur	72.40	1.7.2005
17.	Meghalaya	70.00	1.6.2004
18.	Mizoram*	91.00	1.1.2005
19.	Nagaland*	66.00	1.2.2004
20.	Orissa	52.50	1.1.2004
21.	Punjab	87.59	1.9.2004
22.	Rajasthan*	73.00	28.2.2004
23.	Sikkim	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 has been extended w.e.f. 1.10.2004	
24.	Tamil Nadu*	54.00	28.10.1999
25.	Tripura*	50.00	20.8.2002
26.	Uttar Pradesh	58.00	4.2.2000
27.	Uttaranchal	73.00	2.6.2004
28.	West Bengal	107.99 with meal 110.97 without meal	
29.	Andaman & Nicobar*	100.00 (Andaman) 107.00 (Nicobar)	10.6.2003
30.	Chandigarh	114.00	1.4.2005
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	84.00	1.8.2004
32.	Daman & Diu	$	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
33.	Delhi	110.10	1.7.2004
34.	Lakshadweep	$	
35.	Pondicherry*		
	Pondicherry	45.00 to 54.00 for 5	21.6.2002
	Mahe Region	Hours	
		120.00 for light work	25.1.2005
	Yanam Region	(proposed for 8	25.1.2005
	Karaikal	Hours)	
		160.00 for hard work	
		-do-	8.7.2003
		55.00 to 75.00 for 6	
		Hours	21.6.2002
		45.00 to 54.00 for 5	
		Hours	
	Central Sphere	102.00 to 114.00	16.6.2005

* No provision of Variable Dearness Allowance in the State.

$ Not available.

The minimum wages also include the variable dearness allowance, wherever provided.

Construction of National Highway in Bihar

*276. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a National Highway from Chakia to Bairgania and Motihari to Sitamarhi in Bihar;

(b) whether construction of such a road is necessary in the interest of security of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) There is an existing road connection between Chakia and Bairgania in Bihar of which 13km length is part of National Highway 28 and National Highway 104 and 35.5 km is part of the State